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SUBCHAPTER 3 FAM 2920 CAREER TRANSITION ASSISTANCE

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- 1. This subchapter applies only to Civil Service employees of the Department of State. It was prepared by PER/CSP.
- 2. This subchapter has been revised to comply with final regulations adopted by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.
- 3. Section 3 FAM 2921 paragraph c. has been modified to read: "Employees enrolled in the Department's Priority Placement Program (PPP) are eligible for career transition assistance through the Career Development Resources Center (CDRC)."
- 4. Section 3 FAM 2922.1-1 paragraph a, the first sentence has been modified to read: "The Career Transition Center, various components of the Bureau of Personnel, and other appropriate sources will work together to provide career transition assistance to displaced and surplus employees."
- 5. Section 3 FAM 2922.1-1 paragraph b, the last sentence has been modified to read: "Employees who wish to be informed of job leads developed by *CTC* will also have an option of enrolling in the CTC Skills Bank and Job Leads Register."
- 6. Section 3 FAM 2922.1-5 paragraph a has been modified to read: "a. Employees will have access to information on Department of State vacancies through the Department's 24-hour job recording line, job information kiosks, and/or electronic transmissions."
- 7. Section 3 FAM 2922.1-5 paragraph b has been modified to read: "b. PER/CSP will take reasonable steps to ensure that eligible employees are notified of Department vacancies, the job requirements and application procedures."
- 8. Section 3 FAM 2922.1-6 is a new section describing the content of vacancy announcements.

- 9. Section 3 FAM 2922.2 paragraph a and b have been modified to indicate that the Career Transition Center (CTC) is now M/FSI/CTC.
- 10. Section 3 FAM 2922.3 paragraph a has been modified to read: "a. Guidance for registering for career transition services will be provided to all eligible employees with their RIF *notice*, certification of expected separation notice, *or other official agency certification*.
- 11. Revisions since the last update appear in italics. The italics will be removed the next time the material is updated. Only current changes will appear in italics. Italics provide a historical record of changes.
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